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To Whom it may concern:

As a decent human being, I am writing this letter in order to urge the FDA to ban the practice of the forced molting of hens. I also feel that the FDA should do more than put bacteria warnings on egg cartons and regulate egg refrigeration temperatures. The FDA needs to prohibit the practice of forced molting. Forced molting has scientifically been proven to promote disease by destroying the starving hens' immune systems and then ultimately endangering the lives of humans. Because the FDA has the authority to ban farm practices, I feel that I must urge the FDA to ban the forced molting of laying hens immediately. Not only should forced molting be banned because of infectious diseases in hens, eggs, and consumers, but because of the cruelty involved. Is it not obvious to you that the cruelty and contamination are linked. The FDA was petitioned in April 1998 to ban forced molting and I am urging the FDA to grant this petition immediately.

Thank You.

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